Dear Donors and Friends:

For more than 150 years, our State Fair has connected generations of Minnesotans from every county and corner of our state. These connections and stories are at the very heart of the support you have given to the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

Some of the most memorable stories that we have heard during our first decade are those connected to Foundation recognition benches. With 360 bench tributes throughout the fairgrounds, we have shared in our donors’ dreams and losses – spouses honoring loved ones, couples getting engaged and families celebrating traditions. In 2012, we added the most recognition benches ever in the history of the Foundation.

Bench contributions are just one way that we are successfully fulfilling our mission. In 2012, we granted $1,022,279 to the State Fair. This was the second highest granting year in the history of the Foundation and, cumulatively, we have now granted $6 million to the State Fair for capital and program improvements. We ended the year with a favorable net income and retained funds for future grants.

Your contributions supported AgStar Arena, Giant Sing Along, trees and greenery, endowments, the history walking tour, and cornice repair on the historic Grandstand. We had a terrific kick-off to the 2012 State Fair at our Taste of the Fair event, which was significantly supported by State Fair concessionaires and Foundation Board members.

Through your support, we have created an excellent nonprofit that delivers on its mission to improve State Fair buildings, grounds and educational experiences. We hope you will continue creating memorable State Fair stories, passing them on from one generation to the next.

Thank you,

Frank Parisi
Chair, Board of Directors

Kay Cady
Executive Director
## Financial Statements
### Fiscal Year November 1, 2011 – October 31, 2012

### Statements of Financial Position

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### Foundation 2012 Summary

- Grants of $1,022,279 were made to the Minnesota State Agricultural Society (State Fair), primarily for AgStar Arena. Other grants were made in agriculture, history, environment, art and education.
- Temporarily restricted net assets of $936,298 were retained for future grants.
- One hundred percent of Foundation Board members made contributions to the endowment, including three named endowments.
- For a fifth year, we had favorable unrestricted net assets, strengthening the capacity to fulfill our mission.
- We had fundraising and administrative expenses of 26%, which falls within the Minnesota Charities Review Council’s recommendation of 30% or less.
- Three hundred volunteers contributed their time in 2012 to support our mission by greeting fair guests, promoting the Foundation, and selling merchandise.
Celebrating Our First Decade

During our first decade we reached many milestones. In all, we have received 19,600 contributions - every gift helped achieve our milestones. We salute our donors who have cumulatively given $25,000 or more between 2002 and 2012:

AgStar Financial Services
AMPI
Bailey Nurseries and Family Foundations
Bremer Bank
Gerard Cafesjian
David Cavallaro
Christensen Farms
CHS Foundation
Cuisine Concepts
Dairy Farmers of America
Davisco Foods and Family Foundation
Ecolab Foundation
Steve Eilertson
Bert and Iverne Enestvedt
First District Association
Terry and David Gilberstadt and the Terhuly Foundation
Gold Country
Hank and Ellen Hanten
John and Ruth Huss
Robert and Diana Kirschner
John S. and James L. Knight Foundation
Land O'Lakes Foundation
Manitou
Midwest Dairy Association
Mike and Shirley Miles
Minnesota Corn Growers Association
Minnesota Historical Society - Legacy Funds
Minnesota Horse Council
Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association
Minnesota Milk Producers Association
Minnesota Pork Producers Association
Minnesota Soybean Growers Association
New Fashion Pork
Brad and Lori Ribar
The Scrooby Foundation
David and Kathryn Sorensen
Target
Tom Rosen
Sonja H. Wenger
Richard Werner
Xcel Energy Foundation

2002 Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation were written in 2001, and the first Board of Directors was elected at the 2002 Annual Meeting. Start-up funds came from the State Fair and the “First 100” campaign.

2003 - Grants of $260,000 Donors and families participated in the first year of recognition pavers placed in the Grandstand Plaza. There are now more than 2,000 pavers on the fairgrounds. Every paver tells a story, gives a tribute or honors an event or person.

2004 - Grants of $106,000 Grants supported trees on the fairgrounds and other projects. The Foundation broadened its contributor base with the start of the Friends of the Fair membership program. New in 2004, Foundation volunteers sold commemorative art posters, and our inaugural Taste of the Fair event had 60 guests, compared to this year’s 700 guests.

2005 - Grants of $84,000Our Friends of the Fair program expanded with recognition benches for seating on the fairgrounds while capturing great State Fair stories. To date, we have added 360 recognition benches. We launched the development of program funds, starting with support to keep the fairgrounds green with trees, landscaping and flowers. Our grants now support five State Fair program areas: agriculture, history, art, environment and education.

2006 - Grants of $1,511,000 We supported the CHS Miracle of Birth and FFA Center, Christensen Farm Stage and the naming and restoration of the J.V. Bailey House, which provided offices for the Foundation and community meeting space. We received a major contribution from the Manitou Fund, restricted to naming and improvements for the Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum. In 2006, we had the largest granting year in our short history.

2007 - Grants of $538,000 We granted funds for the CHS Miracle of Birth and FFA Center, and added support for beautification of the fairgrounds with trees and seating. Volunteers successfully sold a new State Fair history book, and our history walking tour was created with funding from community partners. We developed a partnership for the State Fair gift and merchandise shops, resulting in significant unrestricted support for Foundation operations.
2008 - Grants of $412,000  Foundation funds helped develop the State Fair Archives, preserving State Fair documents, images and materials. Overall, Foundation assets and earned income grew through activity at State FairWear merchandise locations.

2009 - Grants of $1,015,000  Contributions were given for a new Moo Booth at the Cattle Barn, supporting agricultural education. Other grants included preservation of the Grandstand Marquee and the Sesquicentennial Mosaic, featuring all Minnesota counties. Volunteers increased their supporting sales activity with the addition of Blue Ribbon Bargain Books.

2010 - Grants of $353,000  The Foundation Board began development of the first-ever endowment to support the State Fair. Our donors supported lighting at the Fine Arts Center and a new vocabulary and literacy project called the Alphabet Forest. We started the vine planting project to cover the State Fair fence lines with a variety of plantings. For a third year in a row, the Foundation had growth in unrestricted net assets, strengthening capacity to fulfill our mission.

2011 - Grants of $561,000  Foundation Board members made initial contributions to the endowment. Grants were made in each of our program areas including AgStar Arena and other agricultural projects; the Giant Sing Along as a new initiative in arts and culture; archives and walking tour for history; Alphabet Forest for educational projects; and a continuation of our successful seating, shade and landscaping projects to keep the fairgrounds environment a welcoming place.

Looking Ahead  Building on our 2012 success, we will continue to emphasize preservation of State Fair historic buildings and traditions while furthering support for new programs and facilities.

We will carry out our vision that comes from the 1911 Minnesota State Agricultural Society Creed: To have a Minnesota State Fair that is a mirror of Minnesota greatness, a school for her citizens, and a place where all are welcome, entertained and experience the results of the best thought and effort in all lines of endeavor.

Success during the Foundation's first decade provided the momentum to develop the first-ever endowment program for the State Fair.

In our first full year of endowment giving, 100% of Foundation Board members contributed to the endowment in addition to their other gifts. We welcome contributions to the general fund endowment, as well as named or program endowments representing an area of special interest to you.

By way of example, named endowments include Huntington-Eilertson Family Fund for arts and culture; Sorensen Family Minnesota State Fair Endowment to preserve the history and legacy of the State Fair and Minnesota; Fabie Family State Fair Endowment for general support of the fair as a whole; and Marie Cavallaro Endowment Fund for seating on the fairgrounds.

Endowment donations are permanently restricted. As earnings become available, grants are made to benefit the State Fair. To inquire, call (651) 288-4324.
Support for Agricultural Education

Opening AgStar Arena

Several hundred Foundation donors supported construction of AgStar Arena. This new facility is where the State Fair and others host equine shows and livestock competitions with significant participation from 4-H and FFA chapters.

The naming honors went to AgStar Financial Services for their major contribution and leadership in agriculture. The completion of this new project builds on our history of support for agriculture at the State Fair, including contributions for CHS Miracle of Birth Center and the Moo Booth. The agricultural community has shown generous support for State Fair programs and facilities that serve to connect today’s consumers with agriculture and develop youth leadership.

Support for History and Heritage

Preserving Our History

Within the Foundation’s History and Heritage Fund, we received a Legacy grant for the State Fair Archives.

This grant funded a general preservation survey through the Midwest Art Conservation Center for both the State Fair Archives, and artifacts at the State Fair History Museum located in Heritage Square. The project provided guidance for a long-range conservation plan.

We also received Legacy support for the State Fair History Walking Tour and Minnesota History Day. Funds were also received from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to repair the cornices on the Grandstand. We were selected through Partners in Preservation, a national program that awards preservation grants to historic places across the country.

THANK YOU ARENA DONORS

Donors contributed a total of $1.1 million and were honored with recognition signage in AgStar Arena and pavers in Star Plaza. Special thanks to donors of $5,000 or more who supported the facility:

- AgStar Financial Services
- Constance Briol
- Davisco Foods Intl. Inc.
- Elizabeth Wexler
- Margaret H. and James E. Kelley Foundation Inc.
- Mills Fleet Farm
- Minnesota Horse Council
- Minnesota Livestock Breeders’ Association
- New Fashion Pork
- The Repasky Family
- Tom Rosen
- Tri-State Horsemen’s Association

Foundation Board member Dave Sorensen (left) and AgStar President and CEO Paul DeBruijn at dedication ceremonies.
Support for Fairgrounds Environment

Starting New Traditions

Through the Foundation’s *Friends of the Fair* membership program, hundreds have chosen to show tribute or celebrate with recognition pavers and benches. With a record of 62 new benches in 2012, we provided additional seating on the fairgrounds and captured more great State Fair stories and names. We invite you to join our 1,500 membership donors in becoming a *Friend of the Fair*.

Recognition benches are part of the Foundation’s mission to improve the fairgrounds environment. Other projects include trees, vines and landscaping.

Support for Educational Experiences

Learning at the Fair

The Foundation receives contributions and grants funds for educational projects at the fair. For a third year, Target provided funds for the Alphabet Forest. Volunteer-led activities engage families with reading, vocabulary and storytelling. We salute our program partners Debra Frasier, MELSA metro public libraries, Children’s Literature Network and Mackin Publishing.

Support for Arts and Culture

Creating Art Through Song

Foundation contributions support connecting State Fair guests with arts and cultural experiences. Donations also help improve venues and programs in performance and visual arts.

The Giant Sing Along, funded by Bremer Bank, brought together people from across all generations and abilities to sing everything from Justin Bieber’s hits to classics from The Beatles. Canadian artists Mouna Androus and Melissa Mongiat created this public art experience especially for our State Fair in 2011.

2012 HIGHLIGHTS

SHARING STATE FAIR STORIES

“Erinn and I met at the State Fair through the 4-H program. We had been participants in high school and later began dating after working together at the State Fair.

Because the Minnesota State Fair means so much to each of us, and to our relationship, there was no better place to propose! The Foundation helped me keep the proposal and the bench a secret, and everything went perfectly (she said yes!).

Afterward, we enjoyed watching the fair go by from our own bench, and we both love the fact that the donation helps support continued improvements to the fairgrounds.”

- Kristoffer Olson

To commemorate your own fair traditions and memories, or to become a *Friend of the Fair*, call (651) 288-4325 or visit our website at www.msffoundation.org
Concessionaires Give Guests True ‘Taste’ of the Fair

Foundation donors and friends filled the International Bazaar for the annual fundraiser and kick-off to the State Fair. This year’s Taste of the Fair featured a true taste provided by select State Fair concessionaires: Chicago Dogs, Corn Roast, Dino’s Gyros, Dippin’ Dots, Duke’s Poutine, Granny’s Caramel Apple Sundae, Peter’s Hot Dogs, Poncho Dog, Shanghaied Henri’s, Sweet Martha’s Cookie Jar, and That’s a Wrap.

The name of the game was food and fun with Midway games like Bottle-Up, donated by Candy Anderson. The night ended with a sunset ride on the Space Tower, owned and operated by Errol and Gretchen Kantor. We also salute our sponsors, including presenting partner Collins Electrical, and donors who contributed to the games and auctions. Funds raised at Taste of the Fair support the mission of the Foundation.

The event is by invitation only to our donors and friends. The 2013 event will be Thursday, August 15.

The Fine Arts Exhibition is the largest juried art show in the state of Minnesota, featuring 300 works. Artwork sold during the exhibition supports the Foundation’s Arts and Culture Fund in addition to Minnesota artists. In 2012, we granted funds to support the new online application system for artists entering the competition.

The 2013 First Glance event will be held on Tuesday, August 20. To inquire, call (651) 288-4323.

Clockwise: Jan Albrecht; Volunteer Megan Currier with Bremer guests at the wine pull; Hendrickson and Ribar family members (Rod, Laudy, Clarice, Shirley); and Jim Smart, Board member and Taste committee chair, with Peter Albrecht and Steph Olson.
Thank you for supporting the mission of the State Fair Foundation. We acknowledge you for generously supporting programs, projects, Foundation operations and the endowment. Gifts and pledges listed here were received between November 1, 2011 and the time of publication, representing contributions of $100 or more.

ORGANIZATIONS

$100,000+
AgStar Financial Services
Manitou Fund

$10,000 - $99,999
Ames Construction
Bremer Bank
Davisco Foods Intl. Inc.
Gold Country
Minnesota Historical Society
Minnesota Horse Council
Minnesota Livestock Breeders’ Association
New Fashion Pork
Target
WhereToLive.com Inc.

$1,000 - $9,999
2nd Wind Exercise Equipment
AHA Region 10
Alamo Amusements Inc.
Anchor Bank
Bailey Nurseries Inc.
By The Yard Inc.
Cal Spas By Spa & Leisure Inc.
Cenaiko Productions Inc.
Collins Electrical
Cunningham Group
Architecture P.A.
Dino’s The Greek Place
F.A.S.H. Inc. Spring Horse Show
Famous Dave’s
Fredrikson & Byron
Giant Ride Inc.
Good Health Saunas
Hubbard Broadcasting Inc.
J.J. Taylor Distributing Co. of Minnesota
Lorenz Bus Service
Maertens-Brenny Construction Co.
Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA)
Mexican Hat
Midway Mens Club
Mills Fleet Farm

Minnesota Horse Breeders Association
Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association
Peterson Brothers Roofing
Sam’s Club #4787
Signature Concepts
Space Tower - Ventor Place Inc.
Space-Pix Digital Pictures Summit Brewing Co.
Sun Country Airlines
Sweet Martha’s Cookie Jar
terry Stade Farms Inc.
TKDA Engineers
Architects Planners
West Central Initiative

$250 - $999
10th Ward Rural Ramsey County Donut Booth
Aamodt’s Hot Air Balloon Rides
Allina Health System
Ameriprise Financial Employee Matching Gift Program
Anoka County Farm Bureau
Anvil B Farm
Apron Elegance
Arrowhead Area Regional Farm Bureau Federation
Axel’s
Becker Concessions
Belter Farms
Bywood East Health Care
Carlson Farms
Cass County Fair - Pillager
Coffee House Press
Continental Clay Co.
Cristiani Concessions Inc.
Dakota County Farm Bureau Federation
Dandy Souvenirs
Deck the Walls
Dee Brothers LLC
Der Pretzel Haus Inc.
En Masse Marketing Corp.
Epic Realty
Gem Mountain Studio
Haas & Wilkerson Insurance
Haferman Water Conditioning Inc.
Harrington Enterprises
Haskell’s
Itasca County Fair
J.B. Nelson
Krusemark Farms Inc.
Land O’Lakes Inc.
Lemonade - Wiles Enterprises
Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast
Lowertown Wine & Spirits
Mall of America
Mickey’s Grill & Kabobs - Ormic Concessions
Midwest Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
Minnesota Angus Association
Minnesota Farm Guide
Minnesota Farmers Union
Minnesota Guernsey Breeders’ Association
Minnesota Half Arabian Horse Association
Minnesota Hereford Breeders Association
Minnesota Jersey Cattle Association
Minnesota Limousin Association
Minnesota Milk Producers Association
Minnesota Red and White Club
Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association
Minnesota Shorthorn Lassie Association
Minnesota Simmental Association
Minnesota State Lottery
Minnesota Suffolk Sheep Association
Minnesota Vikings
Mitteness Family Angus
Mukar Inc.
Nicollet Island Inn
Northern Tool and Equipment
Northwood Industries
Olmsted County 4-H
Horse Project Development Committee
Peters Hot Dogs
Rainbow Ice Cream
Ramsey County Fair
Red Horse Riders Association
Rochester Riders Saddle Club
Saddlelile Riders Saddle Club
Sahara Sands Inc.
Sand Creek Riders Saddle Club
Scott County Fair
Silvercrest Charolais
Sjostrom Farms
Skyview Dairy
Southeastern Minnesota Saddle Clubs Association
Spectacle Shoppe Inc.
St. Paul East Parks Lions Club
Starr International Trading Structural Restoration Inc.
Sunset Ridge Ranch
Syndicate Sales Corp.
Tenth and Blake Beer Company
Tom Thumb Donuts - Everett
Twin City Jacuzzi LLC
USA Golf Games
Vagabond Imports of South America
Venture Photography
Washington-Ramsey County Farm Bureau
Water Heater Innovations
Wild River Riders Saddle Club
Xcencent

$100 - $249
Accelerated Genetics
African Violet Society of Minnesota
Apple Dumbplings - Rutana Concessions
Art On Tiles/New Age Group
Arthur Murray Dance Studio - Minneapolis
Best Western White Bear Country Inn
Blake’s Concessions
Block Concessions
Butcher Boys - F&W Concessions
Chan’s Concessions
Chanhassen Dinner Theatres
Comfort Suites Canal Park
Cream Puffs - Tom’s Concessions
Dino’s Gyros
Dip Stix - M & S Concessions
Ecolab Inc.
Exotic Everest Imports
Foot Long Hot Dogs - Heikes
Gifts Made By Hand
Grain Millers Dairy Products Inc.
Grand Casino
Guthrie Theater
Hands Unlimited
Hastings Co-op Creamery
IBM Matching Gifts
Island Riders Saddle Club
Juanita’s Fajitas
Kowalski’s Market
Marriott Minneapolis
Marshall County Fair
Minnesota Apples Inc.
Minnesota Boychoir
Minnesota Federation of County Fairs
Minnesota Timberwolves & Lynx
MSF Marketing Coalition
MVMA
Neuenfeldt & Co.
Ocheda Dairy
Pearson Candy Company
Preferred Concrete
PT Enterprises
Radisson Hotel Roseville
Roberta’s Inc.
Rockler Co. Inc.
S & R Angus
Spalon Montage
Spill the Wine
St. Paul Plumbers & Gasfitters Local 34
Swine Services Unlimited Inc.
The Saint Paul Hotel
The Standard Employee Giving Campaign
Toe Ring Time
Water Park of America
Wee Dazzle
ZooZatz

Up to $100
3B Concessions Inc.
Abdallah Candies
Allegra Print & Imaging
Anchor Fish and Chips
B.A.S.K.E.T.S.
Benson’s Concessions Inc.
Black Sheep Pizza
Bonnie Mohr Studio
Brave New Workshop
Bromelkamp Company LLC
Brown County Fair
Buck Hill
Buena Vista Ski Area
Cabinepak Kitchens of Minneapolis
Cafe Latte
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Steve Eilertson, a founding board member of the Foundation, reached his term limit in 2012. He served continuously since the start of the Foundation as Treasurer and Finance Committee chair. During his stewardship, Steve saw the Foundation gain operating stability while also making $6 million of grants to the State Fair. He is the president of Grain Millers Inc.

Frank Parisi joined the Board in 2006 and completed three years of service as Chair of the Foundation Board. He will continue serving on the Board for another year. Frank brought his public relations expertise and finesse while emphasizing partnerships as a key way to advance the Foundation for the betterment of the State Fair.

We thank Steve and Frank for their years of outstanding guidance and leadership on the Foundation Board.

Frank Parisi (left) and Steve Eilertson (center) with Jerry Hammer, General Manager of the State Fair.
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